

## FENCING

- If you have *any* white-tailed deer, the DNR sets and enforces your fencing requirements. **For questions about DNR fencing rules, call 608-266-8574.**
- If you have *any* white-tailed deer, you need a valid fencing certificate from the DNR before the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will register your herd.
- If you have *only* elk or deer other than white-tailed deer, you need to follow fencing requirements in Wis. Stats 90.20; your local authorities will enforce these requirements. Call 608-224-4886 for information.



## Carcass Identification

Every part of the carcass of every farm-raised deer killed on a hunting preserve must be identified with official individual identification or a dead tag before any part of that carcass leaves the premises. The deer keeper must keep records that correlate all of the official individual identification and dead tag numbers related to that deer.

## Movement into a Hunting Preserve

A deer may move to a hunting preserve from a herd that has completed a whole herd TB test if the deer has individually tested negative for TB no more than 90 days prior to the movement date and has remained in isolation since the test.

## Hunting Preserve Certificates

Hunting preserve certificates issued by DATCP only authorize hunting of farm-raised deer. Hunting of other animals in a farm-raised deer preserve is illegal.

A hunting preserve certificate expires 10 years after it is issued, on the anniversary date of its issuance. A certificate is not transferable between persons or premises.

A hunting preserve certificate is not valid if the certificate holder no longer holds a valid farm-raised deer keeper registration certificate for that location or violates any other requirements necessary to qualify as a hunting preserve.

A hunting preserve certificate may be revoked for cause.

## To Apply

To obtain an application form or for more information, please contact the Division of Animal Health at (608) 224-4896. To apply, submit a completed application form along with the \$500 non-refundable fee to:

**WDATCP - Division of Animal Health**  
**PO Box 8911**  
**Madison, WI 53708-8911**

The complete set of rules can be viewed on the web at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/atcp/atcp010.pdf>. Wis. Statutes: <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/95.pdf>.

Division of Animal Health Wisconsin  
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<http://www.datcp.state.wi.us>

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## Background

No person may grant, or offer for consideration, the opportunity to hunt farm-raised deer on premises in Wisconsin unless they have a valid hunting preserve certificate issued by the department and meet all the requirements established under s. ATCP 10.47, Wis. Administrative Code and s.95.55, Wis. Stats. This brochure summarizes these requirements as they pertain to hunting preserves.

**Division of Animal Health**  
**Wisconsin Department of**  
**Agriculture, Trade and**

white-tailed deer

red deer

elk

sika deer

fallow deer

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## To Operate As A Hunting Preserve You Need:

- A valid farm-raised deer keeper registration certificate for the location.
- To comply with all requirements as established in Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 10, subchapter VII.
- A hunting preserve certificate: good for 10 years, as long as all requirements continue to be met.
- To ensure farm-raised deer being hunted are confined to an area of 80 contiguous acres or more to which they have unimpeded access.
- An inspection of the premises by DATCP.
- To pay a \$500 non-refundable fee upon application.
- To comply with additional record keeping requirements for hunter and carcass information as described in this brochure.
- Official individual identification or a dead deer tag from DATCP on any part of a deer carcass that leaves the premises. If the head and carcass are separated, both parts must be identified. You must also correlate all official individual identification and dead tag numbers related to the killed deer.
- To test for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) when required.
- To comply with your Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fencing requirements or harvest plan if not enrolled in the CWD Herd Status Program (only for white-tailed deer).
- To have two (2) forms of identification for any deer not born on the hunting preserve's registered premises: a visible official ear tag and an implanted microchip.

## Removing Or Altering Official Identification

No one may remove, alter or tamper with the official individual identification given to a farm-raised deer, except as authorized by the department or the United States Department of Agriculture.



## CWD Testing

A farm-raised deer must be tested for CWD at 16 months of age or older as follows: If enrolled in a CWD herd status program, 100% of farm-raised deer that die must be tested for CWD, regardless of cause of death. If not enrolled, farm-raised deer must be sampled as follows: 100% that die by natural/accidental causes; 50% killed intentionally, including by hunt; and 25% that are sent to slaughter. The hunter must be informed of the test results if his/her deer was tested. CWD samples must be taken within 7 days of the deer being killed (or discovered dead) and by a private veterinarian certified to take the sample.

## Record Keeping

In addition to the records required of all farm-raised deer owners, owners of a hunting preserve must keep all of the following records related to each farm-raised deer that is killed on the hunting preserve:

- The name and address of the person who killed the farm-raised deer.
- The date when the farm-raised deer was killed, and the location of the premises where it was killed.
- The name and address of the person who collected the test sample for the chronic wasting disease test.
- The laboratory test reports from the chronic wasting disease test.
- The disposition of the carcass. This record shall include the name and address of the person who took custody of the carcass. If the carcass is buried or otherwise disposed of, the record shall identify the disposal method and location.
- All official individual identification of the carcass, or the dead tag number attached to the carcass. If the carcass has both official individual identification and one or more dead tags, the record shall identify and correlate all numbers.

These records must be retained for at least five (5) years and must be made available to the department for inspection and copying upon request.